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Hansberger Calls For Special Meeting of SANBAG

Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, frustrated with delays and haggling over whether the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the county's transportation authority, should develop criteria for new projects, or develop a list of projects first; called for an unusual special meeting of the group next week to develop both.

"We need to act and we need to act now to be certain we have a strong, united voice that is heard in Sacramento. It's time to stop the debate. It's time for action," Hansberger said.

The state will soon be allocating \$2 billion from Proposition 1B, the transportation and infrastructure bond measure approved by voters last year. The next round of allocations is aimed at improving freight corridors and Hansberger believes San Bernardino County is a national choke point that deserves significant funding.

"All the goods that come into the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach come through our county on their way to the rest of the country," Hansberger said. "We are a national choke point that must be addressed – the facts are in our favor, the money is on the table, as the elected leaders it is time to do our jobs."

The SANBAG Board of Directors agreed to the unusual move, calling a special meeting for Thursday, July 19, to pick projects that are badly needed and to review a list of criteria proposed by SANBAG staff.